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THE PRESIDENT AND GROMYKO

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1. WHEN GENSCHER MEETS THE PRESIDENT SEPTEMBER 28, HE PLANS TO EXPLAIN THE BACKGROUND BEHIND THE TASS ANNOUNCEMENT THAT BREZHNEV WILL VISIT THE FRG. WE UNDERSTAND FROM CHANCELLERY AND FONOFF SOURCES THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS COORDINATED WITH CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AND IS DESIGNED TO UNDERLINE MOSCOW'S INTEREST IN GOOD EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND ITS PREFERENCE FOR AN SPD/FDP GOVERNMENT IN BONN. ACCORDING TO THE SAME SOURCES, THE VISIT IS PLANNED FOR LATE NOVEMBER OR EARLY DECEMBER, AFTER ANTICIPATED CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND WARSAW PACT MEETINGS IN MOSCOW AND BUCHAREST RESPECTIVELY.

2. GENSCHER IS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH GROMYKO FOR THREE AND ONE-HALF HOURS SEPTEMBER 27. HE ALSO PLANS TO
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BRIEF THE PRESIDENT ON ANY SIGNIFICANT REMARKS GROMYKO

MAKES. ACCORDING TO THE CHIEF OF SOVIET DESK IN FONOFF,
GENSCHER PLANS IN HIS MEETING WITH GROMYKO:

- TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON UNGA ISSUES, ESPECIALLY
THE TWO FRG INITIATIVES: A RESOLUTION AGAINST
THE TAKING OF HOSTAGES AND A PROPOSAL TO
ESTABLISH A HUMAN RIGHTS COURT SOME TIME IN THE
FUTURE.
- TO OFFER TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON PREPARATIONS FOR
THE CSCE FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE AT BELGRADE IN
1977(BONN 11218).
- TO SURVEY BILATERAL RELATIONS, NOTING FAVOR-
ABLE DEVELOPMENTS SUCH AS INCREASED FAMILY
REUNIFICATION, SATISFACTORY DEVELOPMENT OF
TRADE, AND THE PROSPECTIVE VISIT BY
BREZHNEV TO BONN.
- TO TOUCH BRIEFLY ON THREE STALLED AGREEMENTS
(CULTURAL, LEGAL ASSISTANCE, AND SCIENTIFIC/
TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION), AND PROPOSE NEW
TALKS ON THE EXPERT LEVEL AFTER THE ELECTIONS.
- TO REVIEW RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN BERLIN, AND
- TO ANNOUNCE AGREEMENT ON EXCHANGE OF MILI-
TARY ATTACHES, COUPLED WITH A LOWERING OF
TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS ON SOVIET DIPLOMATS IN
RECIPROCATATION FOR A SIMILAR ACTION THE SOVIETS
TOOK IN 1974(BONN15736).

3. THE FONOFF EXPECTS GROMYKO TO RAISE:

- RENUNCIATION OF FORCE PROPOSAL.
- A UN SPECIAL SESSION FOR DISARMAMENT.
- AN OFFER TO CONSULT ON CRISIS SITUATIONS IN
THE WORLD.

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4. GENSCHER, WHO WANTS TO USE HIS MEETING WITH
GROMYKO TO HIS AND THE FDP'S MAXIMUM BENEFIT IN THE
ELECTIONS ON OCTOBER 3, WANTS THE MEETING TO GO AS
POSITIVELY AS POSSIBLE, WHILE MAKING NO MAJOR CONCES-
SIONS.

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